



# Molescroft Parish Council

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MOLESCROFT PARISH MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 AT THE MOLESCROFT PAVILION.**

**PRESENT** Councillors, M. Hildyard (Chairman); Eve Williams (Clerk), 4 members of the Molescroft Parish Council and 5 members of the public attended. In addition, Ward Councillors D. Healy and L Johnson were in attendance.

### **1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting**

The Clerk formally welcomed those in attendance and advised the group of all safety procedures including fire escape routes should this become necessary. She also asked that those in attendance sign the attendance sheet. The Chairman Councillor Hildyard opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed all those present. Those in attendance were advised that an Annual Parish meeting is required by law and that whilst the Molescroft Parish Council have organised and chaired the meeting it can be organised by any resident within the Parish.

### **2. Apologies and Declaration of Interests**

Apologies were recorded from Councillor M Fleming and Ward Councillor D Boyton. No pecuniary interests were declared.

### **3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2018.**

The minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting had been posted to the Council Website and the Clerk had advised a number of residents of this by email prior to the meeting. Councillor Hildyard asked for comments regarding the previous minutes and that these be signed as a true record of proceedings. A member of the public highlighted a point for amendment regarding the matter of road safety calming measures. The minutes were subsequently agreed as a true record.

[Action: Clerk to ensure minutes are published on the Council website as soon as possible.](#)

### **4. Matters arising from the minutes.**

A number of actions/matters arising from 2018 were highlighted for follow up in relation to i) speeding traffic on Woodhall Way ii) Dogs on the Pavilion field iii) Tree Planting and management of green spaces iv) Drop Boxes within the Parish. The Clerk advised that all actions had been progressed to varying outcomes and were recorded formally.

- i) Speeding Traffic on Woodhall Way

Councillor Lockyer and Ward Councillor D Healy commented that they had attended the roads in question to assess the road safety issues and agreed that this is a key concern. This had been further raised with ERYC who indicated that currently the perceived problem does not qualify in terms of

seriousness for any traffic calming measures. A further discussion was held as to the possible use of Community Speed Watch. Councillor Hildyard expressed concern at this suggestion. Councillor Healy suggested it may be possible for alternative measures such as flashing road signs. The Parish Council agreed that the issue of road safety and speeding in the Parish is something to monitor.

ii) Dogs on Pavilion Field

In relation to dogs on the Pavilion field, the Clerk advised that this had been looked at in the wider context of the ERYC review process. The key challenge in relation to this issue is the enforcement of the orders. The Council again indicated that this is something to monitor overtime with the possibility of additional signage in and around the Pavilion grounds.

iii) Pavilion grounds and tree management

A discussion relating to the management of the Pavilion grounds including shrubs and trees was held. Mr Robinson observed that the grounds were always kept in excellent condition despite recurring littering by unknown residents/visitors which was always cleared up in good time by Council staff. He also commented that the installation of the barrier had brought great improvement by restricting access to certain times. The Chairman explained that additional part time resources had been secured to help with the wider ground's management including pruning shrubs and trees. Mr Robinson expressed concerns that the trees to the perimeter of the Pavilion were large in size and potentially blocked light. The Chairman indicated that if the trees were creating a danger/risk then they would be pruned accordingly.

iv) Drop Boxes

The issue of drop boxes and the removal of them was further discussed. Mr Robinson expressed continued concern given they had not yet been removed. Councillors Hildyard, Heffer and Lockyer reassured the meeting that this issue has been actioned several times thus far to no effect. The Clerk further confirmed that this has been actioned and is awaiting a response latterly from the CEO of the Royal Mail.

## **5. Achievements 2018/19 and Chairman's Report**

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had a full report which he would share but wished initially to formally thank the new Clerk for her sustained efforts and commitment since joining the Council. Councillor Hildyard commented that the Council had moved on significantly since May 2018 with lots more planned for the future. The report was read as follows:

### **Introduction**

2018/19 saw another busy year for the Council with a number of important internal changes and new projects. In all instances the Council has continued to strive to enhance the excellent amenity space and facilities at the Pavilion whilst listening to the needs of local residents and acting where powers permit. In doing so, the council has worked hard to ensure focussed effort, value for money and careful control of council assets. It is after all imperative that we are a voice for local residents and businesses.

## Council Activity

The Council has met formally for the past 12 months during which time a number of subcommittee meetings have been held in relation to key projects and personnel matters. All matters arising and key actions are recorded enabling visibility and progress to be tracked.

A total of 179 actions have been raised year to date across a range of business areas namely:

- Governance – how we work
- Planning & Enforcement
- People Management
- County Council Liaison and collaborative working
- Capital Projects
- Community focus
- Police Liaison and safety

154 actions have been completed with an additional 25 progressing (14%).

In addition, the Council has considered and commented on 60 planning applications within the Parish for which we are a CONSULTEE.

## Key Achievements and Changes

- Successful transition of the new Clerk into role which continues
- Recruitment of additional grounds staff to enhance and manage facility and new staffing structure
- Pavilion use has continued to grow with an increasing demand from the local community for this facility and grounds
- Liaised directly with ERYC and key partners regarding road safety concerns (Woodhall Way); green space management; Policing within the Parish and enforcement concerns at key locations
- Made active representation and met with key parties in relation to Longcroft School development and continued provision for the Scouts and Air Training Corps.
- Positive engagement with Humberside Police (with increased meeting attendance) & with Ward Councillors
- Installed new historic signs at key entry points to the Parish
- Successfully secured bus shelter handover from developers and new signage installed
- Successfully secured funds from ERYC commuted sums for key projects at the Pavilion/grounds (Petanque and Benches)
- New website has been developed and launched enabling improved information sharing and community engagement
- Roll of honour works completed and extended to include biopics etc for display in new pavilion reception
- Sponsored a local lad – Scout Max Harris Smith who has cleaned up for Molescroft (see website for more information).
- Paid for and installed a new Litter bin in vicinity of Rowan Avenue.
- Purchased additional storage/shelving for use in new extension enabling proper use of the serving area
- Scoped key projects for 2019/20 designed to further enhance community amenity/facilities and the Pavilion building
- Elections May 2019 and changes to Council body

## **To conclude**

All this against a backdrop of increased operating costs and with a committed but part time staff base. Importantly, the Council is determined to make full use of existing assets/capital endeavouring to keep precept increases at a realistic and managed level. The precept for 2019/20 increased by £0.23 and equivalent 1.89% overall.

A challenging, busy but positive year with more to come for 2019/20 which I look forward to sharing with you in due as the year progresses via the website and in person.

## **5. Parish Council Elections and Councillor Vacancies**

The Chairman updated the meeting on the results of the local elections held in May 2019 and advised that currently there were a number of Parish Councillor vacancies. The Clerk outlined the key dates for applications and co-option to the Council. The closing date being 31/5/19 with co-option planned 20/6/19.

## **6. Any Other Business**

None

## **7. Meeting Close and Thanks**

Councillor Hildyard closed the meeting at 845pm.

Signed..... (Chairman)

Dated 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019